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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sanford M. Stevenson

Serial No: 09/652,272

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING METAL COMPOUNDS FROM
WASTE MATERIALS

Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: P. Hruskoci

**SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed except for.

Regarding any document, publication or other information for which a date is not given on the attached PTO-1449, Applicant(s) believe(s) the same may qualify as "prior" art to this application and should be treated accordingly, although Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to contest the prior art status of any document, publication or information, should issue arise.

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2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth in the following document(s):

- (a) Copy of each English language version of a search report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office of each document being submitted from the search report.
- (b) Attachments entitled "Concise Explanation of Relevance of Non-English Language Documents".

3. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):

- (a) Within 3 months of the filing date or date of entry into the National Stage.
- (b) Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. If this Statement is not filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, the required certification is given below or, in the absence thereof, the Office is authorized to charge the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 06-0925 for consideration of this Statement.
- (c) After the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) but before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance.
 - (1) The required certification is given below,
or
 - (2) Enclosed is a check covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for consideration of this Statement, or
 - (3) Charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.
- (d) After the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. Petition hereby is made for consideration of this Statement and the required certification indicated below.

(1) Enclosed is a check covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)(1), or

(2) Charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)(1) to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

4. Certification (if applicable)

(a) The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Statement.

5. In accordance with MPEP § 609, the Examiner is also requested to also consider the information submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement of January 31, 2000 in the parent application (copy enclosed). In addition to the differences between iron and copper pointed out in that disclosure, the applicant believes that another reason that it would not have been predictable that the method of the present invention would not have worked on copper from the prior work on iron is that iron and copper have different oxidation potentials, i.e. 2 and 3 for iron and 1 and 2 for copper.

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

Respectfully Submitted,

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